

"I Hear You Calling Me"

By BRIGGS

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Garrison Tells About B. R. T. Improvements

Receiver Gives Figures to Show That Brooklyn People Are Getting Better Service Than Ever Before

Courtesy Squad Added

More Men Are Employed and More Car Trips Are Made, He Says, Than Year Ago

Herewith is a statement by Lindley M. Garrison, receiver for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, written for The Tribune. It shows in detail just what Judge Garrison has accomplished relative to improvements in service on the lines of the system since he was placed at its head, on the first of the year.

By Lindley M. Garrison

B. R. T. Receiver

Owing to the cessation of war conditions and the consequent release of large numbers of men for the industries and other activities of peace, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has been enabled during the last few months to effect gratifying improvements in service, both on the rapid transit and surface lines.

This improvement was officially testified to on March 19, by Mr. Walter T. Edgerton, Supervising Inspector of the Public Service Commission, when called as a witness in Case No. 2,348. Mr. Edgerton declared that the service was better than ever before, with the exception of two or three where the limitation of service was directly attributable to the limitation in track capacity, an element in the situation beyond the company's control.

Marked improvement in service has also been generally acknowledged in letters addressed to the receiver and to officials of the company from many of our patrons.

Although the period of time which has elapsed since the first of the year has been too short to admit of the introduction of large economies or changes in organization or in methods of operation—all of which are at present subjects of the most careful study—the statements of improvement which follow are most encouraging, because they indicate that the company is definitely going forward, in spite of all handicaps.

Rapid Transit Lines

SERVICE

New Culver structure placed in service on Kings Highway. Increase in car trips, car miles and seat miles.

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The City's Jar

THE members of the Greater New York City Association of Mail Truck and Ambulance Drivers are certain to be interested in the modest history of one simple little police court case in Brooklyn yesterday.

"I didn't think there was any speed limit for mail trucks," explained Gabriel Kornblith, of 1873 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, to the magistrate, who thus agreed with the members of the Greater New York City Association of M. T. and A. D.

"It's perfectly evident that there are several of you who don't think," said the court. "Twenty-five dollars or two days in jail."

"There is no reason for you men to think you are better than anybody else and are not subject to law," continued the magistrate. "If you ever come before me again I'll send you to jail without the alternative of paying a fine."

A year from yesterday the Greater New York City Association of M. T. and A. D. is going to celebrate the anniversary of a certain cosmic cataclysm.

IF YOU are the kind of automobile driver who every now and then gets pinched for lack—or for lack of it—you should use some discretion in choosing the speed ordinance as against 298 for the same period last year.

Statistics by William McAdoo, Chief City Magistrate, given out yesterday, prove that it is generally more expensive to be nabbed in Manhattan or Richmond than in The Bronx, Queens or in Brooklyn.

The magistrates in Manhattan doled out 12 prison sentences and but 30 suspended sentences in 750 cases to the gentlemen who "didn't believe they were going that fast" and who were possessed of other unbeliefs, whereas, in 297 cases in Queens, 53 in 175 in The Bronx and 87 in 296 in Brooklyn were assured that they might go their way unmolested, at least financially.

Presented the rock-bottom of hard luck. Only two offenders escaped there.

Owing to the pleasant weather in February, there were 1,575 violations of the speed ordinance as against 298 for the same period last year.

G. N. GILMORE, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., is at the Hotel Metropole, arranging for a final, absolutely-the-last appearance farewell convention of a group of corkscrew manufacturers which will take the form of a dinner to be held in the hotel on April 18.

Mr. Gilmore says each manufacturer of corkscrews will wear a band of crepe around his arm and a swan song will be sung instead of a "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here" ditty.

"There will be very little need for a corkscrew after July 1," said Mr. Gilmore. "Of course there will be some bottles to be opened, but not enough to give any special boom to the business of manufacturing corkscrews. None of us is going out of business exactly, but most of us are going to make corkscrews just as a side line."

It would be quite advisable for those who have corkscrews to keep them as souvenirs, just as the cigarette case

tear Squad, composed of thirty-five men recently discharged from the army and navy, who have, as special platform police, done much to solve the problem of handling the rush-hour crowds at Canal Street, Chambers Street, Broadway and Myrtle Avenue and other points of congestion on the system.

A special cleaning squad has been appointed to care for subway walls.

Additional inspectors will be appointed to regulate service and instruct trainmen.

Additional inspectors have been appointed to see that stations are properly heated and kept in a cleanly condition.

Surface Transportation Department

Qualified Men

On hand Jan. 2, 1919 Mar. 20, 1919 Inc.

Conductors 2,009 2,221 212

Motormen 2,009 2,221 212

Trips daily 20,304 22,464 1,870

Cars sch. daily 1,538 1,631 93

Trips operated during February, 1919, compared with trips operated during February, 1918, indicate that the February service exceeded the December service at the rate of approximately 110,000 trips per month, having the service of both on a thirty-one-day month.

Mechanical Department

Increase in number of employees:

12-11-18 (hourly rated employees) 1,747

1-1-19 1,747

3-21-19 1,747

To the above total should be added twenty weekly rated employees, making a total of 2,215, or an increase of 628

Other improvements include a Cour-

Era of Lower Food Prices Begun, Says U. S. Administrator

Surplus Recorded as Result of Increase in Production and War Taught Conservation in the Home

An era of lower food prices has set in, Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator for New York, declared yesterday. Stimulated production and war-taught conservation, he said, are bringing about growing surplus of supply over demand, with a consequent drop in prices. By figures collected from public markets and private retail stores, Mr. Williams showed that since the first of the year the food prices have been declining.

The figures gathered by a corps of special assistants for Mr. Williams reflect the trend of the food price market since the first of the year. Groceries show almost universal decline, and of meats, pork and beef record a decline.

The last official fair retail price bulletin of the Federal Food Board was published for the week of December 25 to 31, 1918. The figures published then are compared with the present prices in the Queensboro market and several private retail stores. The comparisons follow:

Meats

Fair price Public other retail price bulletin, Dec. 25-31, 1918, yesterday

Per lb. Per lb. Per lb.

Sirloin steak 43-47 48 48

Two round 47-51 48 48

Bottom round 45-49 46 46

Rib roast, prime 44-48 48 48

Do chuck 35-39 36 36

Whole top sirloin 41-45 42-44 42

Cut top sirloin 40-44 41-43 41

Loin chops 32-38 33 33

Shoulder chops 31-32 32 32

Stew lamb 32-34 33 33

Chickens 22-24 23 23

Do broilers 22-24 23 23

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JOHN WANAMAKER

A. T. STEWART 1823

COMBINED IN NEW YORK 1896

JOHN WANAMAKER 1861

New York, March 29, 1919.

Good morning!

The weather today will probably be fair.

The Crumble and Decay of Other Nations

through their own greed and perversities, have given to the world a new vision by which the way is being marked out for the new life and safe progress of all its peoples.

The whole world is stepping forward for rightness and honor. Women are to have a higher status and politics is to be cleaner, independent of races and creeds.

In the bigness of the common task all barriers to success must be overcome, and that none shall hinder, every human being must do an unselfish part, whatever the sacrifice requires.

The difficulties must be faced and beaten down by real men with poise and purpose, who are consecrated to the task of lifting a tumultuous and suffering world out of a morass to sure foundations upon which shall be builded a citizenship of fraternity that can never be shattered or overthrown.

God save the day!

[Signed]

John Wanamaker

March 29, 1919.

Get Ready For the Links

Golf Balls

Silver King, the durable, \$1.25

Radio, the far-flung, \$1.05

Red Flash, the reliable, \$1.05

Blue Flash, the popular, \$1.05

The Taplow, the flatter, \$1.05

Golf clubs, imported heads, \$3.41; wooden clubs, \$4.50.

Golf shoes, \$8.75 and \$9.50.

Exceptionally low prices.

Burlington Arcade Floor, New Building.

Neckwear Sale

For Women, 95c

2,000 pieces—the very things we are all looking for.

For instance, an organdie guimpe tucked in a shirt-bosom effect. It is charming with the new open-fronted suits. There are cuffs to match.

Then come: Sleeveless guimpes of net, trimmed fluted frills and pearl buttons.

Collar and cuff sets of cross-bar organdie in flesh, white, beige and French blue.

Washable double satin vests.

Vests that combine satin and pleated Georgette crepe.

Black silk lace guimpes, etc.

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Capes, Dolmans

Smartest Spring Wraps

Very moderately priced cape-wraps and dolmans for your Spring wardrobe.

At \$29.50

Two models in navy blue and black serge. One a dolman with a yoke—very quaint and unusual. The other a straight front cape-wrap with sleeves and a becoming back line. Both \$29.50.

At \$49.50

A blue or black serge cape with a throw-scarf that may be worn as a Watteau panel in the back. An old and pretty feature of this wrap is a trimming of accordion-pleated self-material all around the bottom and on the scarf.

At \$79.50

A beautiful tricoteline dolman with a row of silk fringe and dolman of crystal clear ideas for motoring. In tan, navy and taupe.

Special Purchase

of khaki, oxford cloth and whipcord suits at \$25. Good-looking, well tailored, equipped with patch pockets and trimmed with bone buttons. In khaki and oxford gray.

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Young Women's

Suits at \$32.50